GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3283
ANSWERED ON:11.12.2000
MISUSE OF NATIONAL PARKS
T. GOVINDAN

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any representation regarding misuse of National Parks and illegal custody of animals seized from forests;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) & (b) Dr. G. Venkatesh and few others have sent an appeal to the Government of India for curbing the ongoing deforestation, illegal activities, illegal capture of wild animals in the sanctuaries and national parks of Karnataka, particularly Nagarhole and adjoining areas. The letter also alleges about capturing of wild langurs by the authorities of Mysore Zoo in Cauvery Wildlife Sanctuary.

(c) The State Government has been asked to hand over the case to Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI).